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High bidder recognized by bankruptcy court to purchase Dorsey Trailers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Trailers will soon be manufactured again in Elba, following a long dry spell, due to the bankruptcy filings last fall by 80-year-old Dorsey Trailers.

Court proceedings in Montgomery on Thursday and Friday of last week saw two groups of trustees actively bidding on the plant, the name and existing inventory and parts of the Elba plant and the inventory and equipment of the Cartersville, GA plant.

Trustee Retirement Plan left the Thursday afternoon bidding as the high bidder and on Friday morning was confirmed in court as meeting all the requirements to purchase the listed assets of the company.

The other firm in the "auction" was Dorsey Acquisition Group, a firm backed by New York investment bankers. Their initial offer of \$4 million had been the top offer up until May 29th, the last day before the deadline set by the bankruptcy court, when the Fruehauf Retirement Fund entered a bid of \$5 million, offering to purchase the matter into a bid-asking battle before the bankruptcy court. It was a battle which the retirement fund emerged victorious.

Chris W. Street, trustee for the Fruehauf Retirement Fund, leans against an unfinished trailer Tuesday, June 5, at the Dorsey Trailers plant in Elba.



On Tuesday of this week, Chris W. Street, trustee for the retirement fund, visited Elba and discussed, openly and at length, the early plans for restarting Dorsey Trailers. He opened with, "We want to show this deal as soon as possible. This will be a cash purchase and we would like to start getting some return on our investment as quickly as we can."

For the record, Street already oversees a trailer plant in Mexico and another in Indiana for the retirement fund. The Mexican plant actually builds a wider line than Dorsey Trailers has historically built. The Indiana plant builds construction trailers under the name "American Trailers."

Street said plans are for the Elba plant to continue building the cargo and refrigerated vans as in the past and add the flat bed line from the Georgia plant. He added that they hoped to expand the product line and possibly manufacture some construction trailers here also.

Several ultra light aircraft are expected to be at the Elba Fly-In. These are very light aircraft that are built by the owners. They do not require registration by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), nor do they require a license to fly.

Several "homebuilt" aircraft, some that are still being built, that are registered with the FAA in the experimental aircraft category. These include aircraft that have not been fully flight tested or certified by the FAA as a commercially built aircraft. It is built or rebuilt by the owner and then tested by him or her. However, a pilot's license is required to fly a registered experimental aircraft.

For young people ages 8-17, there will be a Young Eagles program where they can sign up for a free orientation flight with the highly qualified and licensed pilots.

The public is invited to come out between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, to participate in the Elba Fly-In at the Elba Airport. Food will be available. And, anyone wishing to set up a booth during this event may do so at no charge.

For more information, call Mike Haynes, Fly-In coordinator, at (334) 897-1137 or the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

Fly-In planned for Elba Airport this Saturday, June 9

Wingnuts Aviation, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Chapter 351 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) invite interested citizens to join them on Saturday, June 9, at the Elba, Alabama Airport for a scheduled Fly-In.



GUNS DONATED FOR HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE The Coffee County Sheriff's Department donated 12 long guns to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources last Friday morning, June 1. The guns will be permanently disabled by the Dept. of Conservation and used to help educate young hunters about the proper way to use firearms. Successful completion of the hunter safety education course is a requirement before the issuance of a hunter's license. Sheriff and police departments throughout the state have been asked to donate seized and/or condemned long guns to the Dept. of Conservation. During the gun presentation last Friday, Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said the Coffee County Sheriff's Department is not only in the law enforcement business but is committed to education as well. Above, Coffee County Investigator and DARE officer Donnie Farris (left) and Sheriff Ben Moates (center) present the guns to Ray Metzler, the hunter safety education coordinator for the Department of Conservation's Division of Wildlife and Fresh Water Fisheries.

Credit card helps police find local woman reported missing

A trip to Wal-Mart and the use of a credit card helped put a quick end to the search for an Elba woman last week.

On Thursday morning, May 31, L.C. Cook filed a missing person's complaint with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department concerning his wife, Debra Elaine Cook, age 43, of Elba.

At the time the complaint was filed, Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said Mrs. Cook was last seen as she left work from Pike Manor Nursing Facility in Troy, Ala. on Wednesday, May 30, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Mr. Cook reported having contact with his wife around mid-

night that evening by cellular phone. However, Mrs. Cook never made it home, and her husband tried the report on Thursday morning.

At that point, Whitworth said his department, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Alabama Highway Patrol began the search process.

He said the search was tremendously helped Friday, June 1, when a credit card check revealed a purchase at Wal-Mart in Cullman, Ala. during the time frame of Cook's disappearance.

From there, Whitworth said officers discovered that Mrs.

Cook had stayed in a hotel in Cullman. Phone conversations with employees at the hotel and a positive photo identification led to the end of the search.

Whitworth said it appeared Mrs. Cook was in Cullman on her own accord and she later returned home.

NOTICE

Elba city officials have issued a reminder that there is an ordinance requiring "FREE" permits to post signs advertising Yard Sales on public property.

directly over the local plant. "He and I will both be here 100 and we will spend a lot of time on the factory floor," Street said. When asked if Padilla would actually be moving to Elba, he said that had not yet been decided.

Mr. Street stressed that they

will be using the Dorsey Trailer name, saying, "Dorsey has a great name in the industry and we hope to build on that." He added, "the company will actually be a start-up operation, with

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Lamar Wilson, a member of the support personnel for the Elba School System, works on a repair in the vocational building. In the inset picture at the top left, Donald Laxton makes repairs to a hole in the piping before the piping is replaced. See additional pictures on page 3.

Elba School System staff makes repairs

by Linda Hodge, Editor

There is an old saying that "you can't keep a good man down," and the administration, faculty and support personnel with the Elba School System have recently "caught the fever" by saying, "protection can't keep a good school down."

These working with the Elba School System have not let protection stop them from making repairs and improvements to the school. As a matter of fact, since school let off for the summer, the system's employees with 10, 11 and 12 month contracts have personally been working on the needed repairs.

"I am very proud of the staff we have here," said Superintendent Danny Weeks. "They all have pitched in and helped to save the school system several thousands of dollars in repair work and improvements."

On Wednesday of last week, the vocational teachers at Elba High School were busy making repairs to that area of the building.

Weeks said there has been a leak in the vending department for quite a while, because of trouble with some piping. Instead of hiring a company to replace these pipes and make the necessary repairs, the vocational teachers have been doing the work.

This job alone will save the school system an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000," Weeks said. And, this is only one of the many jobs our staff is taking care of for us.

As the vocational teachers were replacing pipes, sealing the building and replacing concrete, the school's coaching staff was on cleaning the detail around the football stadium and in the school's gyms and locker rooms.

The coaches did whatever needed to be done whether it meant running the weed eater, sweeping and mopping the floors, painting the walls or cleaning the restrooms.

"All our staff needed was to be asked," said Mike Williams, Elba High School principal. "Whenever we did ask, they jumped right in and started taking care of the things that need to be done."

By the end of the week, the halls of the high school were filled with the smell of paint as staff members began the touch up process in areas that needed the attention of a wet brush.

"Many people don't realize what all goes on around here during the summer," said Weeks. "I wanted everyone to know that just because the students aren't here does not mean there isn't a lot of work taking place. I commend the staff for everything they are doing, especially during this time of prostration."

Area Happenings

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC A rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Saturday, June 9, at two locations in Coffee County. In Elba, the clinic will be at the Coffee County Farmers Co-op (Curtis Community off Hwy. 141) from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon. In New Brockton, the clinic will be at the New Brockton Farm Center by Sheriff's Office off Hwy. 84) from 2-5 p.m. Alabama State law requires annual vaccination against rabies of all dogs and cats greater than 12 weeks of age. The fee will be \$8 per animal.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING The Coffee County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 11, in the Coffee County Commission Complex Community Room. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986). For additional information, contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at 894-5415. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE (ADC) will meet Saturday, June 9, at Saint Beulah Baptist Church, 121 S. Carroll Street, Enterprise, beginning at 10 a.m.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Our comments several weeks ago about school taxes, the Romans and the lion raising furch triggered at least one reader to think. We received a letter and a \$100 cash donation with instructions to put the money to good use. However, there seemed to be at least one string attached to the offer... this financial backer acknowledged having a few suggestions for those *"who should be the first to be thrown in there."* Maybe we better hold off a while before getting that project into high gear. There are so many worthy projects that can use even this single dollar bill, but right now it is sitting here in the office while we ponder the best place to put it (other than our personal bank account).

Some people have been surprised that Timothy McVeigh is challenging the legal system that sentenced him to death following trial and conviction for the Oklahoma City bombing of the federal building. Folks, this whole thing with the FBI papers is playing right into his hands! McVeigh's entire argument, and excuses for his actions, has been based on complaints with the government, including law enforcement and the courts. Now this gives him an even bigger platform from which to spit his venom. Forget that the man has apparently admitted to several interviews since the trial, and conviction, that he did the bombing and remember he was making a statement, in his own warped way. Now he gets to repeat that statement... time and time again. Sure he is going to make all the noise he can and for as long as he can.

The disappointed father of a reportedly disappointed teenager is talking about suing the school system because the ninth grade daughter didn't make the cut for her high school cheerleader squad. The dad is quoted as saying the girl has had "professional training." She may be good, we have no way of knowing, but give us twenty years of professional training and you still would not have a qualified cheerleader. This child has been a head cheerleader in a Jr. High, but suing for a spot? If that child was embarrassed at the first action, imagine how she feels with all the follow up publicity. Plus, if his reasoning prevails, schools would be forced to let any and all persons who want to be cheerleaders... be cheerleaders. Then all who want to be the quarterback on the football team would have to be quarterbacks, and on and on. Bah, we suggest the girl smile broadly, congratulate the winners, get dad to hush and keep practicing for next year's try-outs. That sounds so simple, there must be a flaw somewhere in that idea or it would have been used in the first place.

In Nepal a royal son "accidentally" shot ten members of his royal family and then himself with an automatic weapon. At least that is what a surviving brother said. It is hard to believe that such a thing could really be an accident. The other side of the story is that the family didn't approve of his choice of a bride. Now the last story is easier to believe.

There is an informal hearing scheduled on another section of the planning of U.S. Highway 84 set for Thursday night, June 14th. The hearing will be held at the Elba Elementary School and is open to the public. They will be concentrating their information on the section of the 203 Bypass from Beaver Dam Creek to Brundidge Highway, but may be able to answer some other questions also. It comes and goes and very informal, so it interested in the highway plans join us there Thursday night, June 14.

The Alabama Legislature will be back in special session soon, apparently on June 25th. The main issue is reapportionment, according to Governor Don Siegelman, but others arguing the governor to add items to the agenda. We say no... Adding items to the agenda will only serve to delay and throw up smoke screens over the redistricting issue and probably push it right back into the court as has happened so many times before. It would be nice to see our lawmakers suck it up and do the really hard job of changing the district lines all by themselves. Of course, then they would not be able to get back home and blame it all on the federal courts, so maybe my thoughts are only a dream.

There will be Dorsey Trailers built in Elba again and soon. Tuesday we spent a couple of hours listening to the man man with the successful company in the bankruptcy court bidding war for the right to purchase the assets of the company. Chris W. Street, a California investment advisor and trustee for Franchised Trailers Retirement Fund, is a laid back, easy-to-talk-to, person who was raised in a small town about like Elba (even though it is in California). It didn't take him long to win our support, and his confidence in their plans for the local plant is catching, so don't get around Chris if you don't think you want to "catch the spirit." He seems to know what is needed to get the plant back into operation and will be ready to get started as soon as the lawyers get their "ix" dotted and "ts" crossed on all the formal paperwork. This is good for Elba in general, but we suspect (almost know) there are former Dorsey Trailer employees out there who are hurting more than a little bit trying to maintain some sort of family life without a payroll check with which to pay the way.

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College savings plan adds up to the future

by Rep. Terry Spicer

This week, I had the unique opportunity to vote on a proposal that will make college education more affordable to Alabama's families. The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a new college savings plan that will help cover expenses beyond the costs of college tuition and mandatory fees.

HB 426 by Representative Alan Boothe (D - Troy) creates the Alabama College Education Savings Plan (ACES) as a mutual fund into which payments can be made to cover any expenses related to college including tuition, books, supplies, room and board, and equipment required for enrollment. He has worked closely with Alabama State Treasurer... Lucy Ruckley, for design ACES as a flexible and profitable college savings program.

ACES is a program to help pay for college tuition and mandatory fees for students attending one of Alabama's state supported four-year institutions. 53,000 children are currently participating in the ACES Program. It has proven to be an incentive for families to plan ahead to send their children to college, as the costs associated with obtaining a degree continue to rise each year.

PACT and ACES will provide a comprehensive savings program for anyone hoping to attend college. PACT serves as a savings foundation for covering tuition and mandatory fees at a state university. ACES will cover any additional expenses, up to the amount of the matured investment made in PACT.

Both programs allow anyone to contribute to a college fund, parents, grandparents, or friends. Individuals can purchase an ACES contract for a child with

either a lump sum investment or through a payment plan. The minimum deposit may be as low as \$50 with subsequent contributions at \$15.

However, an individual could contribute up to \$50,000 in one year without incurring federal gift tax. While enrolled in college, the beneficiary can draw funds from the account in any increment he or she chooses. PACT contracts may be bought on behalf of a child with a set payment schedule based on the child's age at the time of purchase. Once the student enrolls in college, disbursement invoices the fund on their behalf. Payment is made directly to the school.

PACT funds will pay for 135 semester hours of undergraduate study, or until a graduate degree is earned, whichever is achieved first. If the student receives funds from other sources such as scholarships, PACT funds may then be applied to other expenses. Both programs will be administered by the State Treasurer's office and governed by the current PACT Board.

This new proposal is a tremendous opportunity for families. It makes a college education more accessible by making it more affordable. This is a piece of legislation that not only needs to pass, it should pass as an investment in Alabama's future.

But what if a student attends college out of state or attends a private institution? Both PACT and ACES programs will still help to defray costs. The funds will pay an amount equal to a seventh average of Alabama's one-year average tuition to the college of choice. Again, both plans will pay the balance and the school can issue the coverage to the student.

What if a student elects not to attend college? What happens to his or her contracts? PACT and ACES contracts can be transferred to another family member, with no penalty. The proposed ACES program will be a win-win opportunity for everyone. The PACT Program

has provided an outstanding opportunity for families to invest in the education of our children. I'm confident that ACES will grow as quickly, attracting more families to plan ahead to meet the financial requirements of a college education.

HB 426 is a step in the right direction for Alabama. By voting unanimously in support of it, the House of Representatives has again shown that improving education and making it affordable are top priorities of this body.

Rep. Spicer

ADOPT-A-PET...The above puppy is one of a litter of eight recently brought to the Elba Dog Pound. The puppies are about three months old and a mixed breed of what is believed to be deer dog and Chow. Both male and female are available, and the puppies have been weaned from their mother. Anyone wishing to adopt a puppy should contact George Henrick, animal control officer for the City of Elba, at 897-5424 or the Elba Police Department at 897-5555.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 28, 2001, investigated the following incidents: four burglaries, one house fire, one death investigation, one damage to property, one T.O.P., one outstanding dog and one domestic disturbance. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for violation of the child restraint law, five for speeding, ten for no insurance, one for driver's license, fifteen for no proof of insurance, six for driver's license not in possession, one for improper use of license, three for violation of the seat belt law, five for an expired tag, one for violation of the boom box ordinance and one for driver's license revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, MAY 28 Disturbance reported at 904 Wayne St. (7:00 a.m.). River stage - 2.62 feet (7:05 a.m.). Subject with a gun reported at 969 Carver Dr. (8:09 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 29 Fire department dispatched to a fully engulfed house fire at corner of Reynolds and Stoudin St. (12:22 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to house fire at corner of Reynolds and Stoudin St. (12:35 a.m.). Fire department dispatched back to corner of Reynolds and Stoudin St. (3:43 a.m.). River stage - 2.65 feet (6:35 a.m.). Disturbance reported in Kleimer's parking lot (11:17 p.m.). Alarm at the Jewel Box (11:48 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 Alarm at the Jewel Box (4:47 a.m.). River stage - 2.63 feet (6:00 a.m.). Disturbance at 880 Troy Rd. (8:45 a.m.). Minor wreck reported at Elba Market Place (8:12 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 31 River stage - 2.45 feet (6:02 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 165 Karlen Rd. (11:55 a.m.). Wreck reported in front of Kleimer's (12:58 p.m.). Alarm at Elba Texaco Food Mart (2:01 p.m.). Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 River stage - 3.67 feet (5:47 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2200 County Rd. 201 (4:55 p.m.). Routine activity.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 Fight in progress reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (3:34 a.m.). River stage - 3.41 feet (6:00 a.m.). Loud music reported at Oaklawn St. (8:35 p.m.). Fire department dispatched to house fire behind 427 Williams (8:41 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to house fire behind 427 Williams (8:43 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1259 Ann St. (10:32 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 River stage - 3.39 feet (6:00 a.m.). Loud music reported at a residence on King Circle (5:54 p.m.). Routine activity.

ANOTHER DAY OF APPRECIATION...On Friday, May 4, Propane Gas & Appliance's New Brockton office held an appreciation day for its customers. This celebration followed last week's big day in Elba. The day was one of patrons coming by the office registering for gifts and enjoying some enjoyed by all. Pictured above are the employees of the company as they took a brief break from the activities of the day. They are (l-r): front row (sitting) - Gibbs McCornick (founder of the company) and Gibby McCornick, EPG; back row (standing) - Helen Tindall, EPG; David Norrell, EPG; Donna McCornick-Morris, EPG; Mary Ellen McCornick, EPG; Laymon Tindall, EPG; Leslie Haynes, EPG; Phil Savage, rep from Rutherford Equipment; Jason Gamble, LP Dealer; and Macky McCornick, EPG.

Attend the Church of Your Choice this Sunday!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Ferrin Cox:

I noticed your remarks 5/17/2001 about Marvin McWhann and his departure from the Clipper. I want to say how much we appreciate Marvin for the Clipper. I was chosen to be an Ambassador for the State of Alabama by the Honorable Governor Don Siegelman. I feel very honored and privileged to represent my state in Europe. As a student ambassador I will be meeting with government officials, have interactions with other students my age, I will be provided with many educational activities and have home visits with host families. Also, I am very fortunate as I will be able to earn both high school and college credit because of the many educational elements of this program.

Dear Mr. Cox:

I would like to take this

opportunity to thank everyone in Coffee County, Alabama that helped me raise my goal for an overseas trip. As most of you know, I was chosen to be an Ambassador for the State of Alabama by the Honorable Governor Don Siegelman. I feel very honored and privileged to represent my state in Europe. As a student ambassador I will be meeting with government officials, have interactions with other students my age, I will be provided with many educational activities and have home visits with host families. Also, I am very fortunate as I will be able to earn both high school and college credit because of the many educational elements of this program.

Sincerely,

Tiffany McGrath

A special thank you to Fred World of Enterprise for allowing me and my friends to bag groceries so many weekends and to Boots Love for letting me have a spaghetti dinner fund raiser at his restaurant. Also to the many people who contributed to my efforts. I truly appreciate all you have done for me. I will be leaving on the 5th of June and I shall think of all you while I'm traveling. May God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Tiffany McGrath

SHARE YOUR VIEWS
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DORSEY

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small production volume at first with not more than 100 total employees and if we do build trailers, we hope to be able to start hiring the next day after actually closing the deal with the bank's court. "We can more like a family" we do what we can get, and Street said he expected to take at least a full year to rebuild this dealer, vendor and customer confidence.

"We need to get our cost right, our product right and our prices right to be successful," he said. "We don't want to put our employees can come by the door and put their hands on the phone menu board, we plan to post the menu near the front door. Then when we start hiring our people will know how to get in contact with them," explained the fund trustee.

Street said there is a consultant, able amount of materials in the plant, but to complete any kind of trailer, some materials would have to be purchased and this would be done as orders are received and the demand dictates.

"We are supporters of the local community and hope to have the support and respect of the community," Street said in closing. Street himself is an investment advisor and has offices (Chris Street & Company) in Corona del Mar, California and makes his homes in nearby Newport Beach, Calif.

Elba Elementary School announces honor rolls

Contlin Lee and Jordan McCabe
FIRST GRADE: Tiffany Bradshaw, Taylor Ellis, Connor Kelley, Connor McCollough, Jaron Kelley, Ken Anna Edwards, Elisa Dewberry, Megan Coleman, Jacquetta Whitfield, Sarah Bane, Tamera Burks, Jake Carley, Adrian Horstead, Joey Orr, Donna Rogers, Selina Stokes, J. Quenten Trinit, Alex Brenstrum, Chace Sails, William Hooks, Jr., Seth Haney, Brady Sankovich, and Cosetha Hooks.
SECOND GRADE: Haley Bryan, Gage Craig, Chance Goosby, Hannah Morgan, William Petty, Xavier Rodgers, Molly Meguire, Brittany Hudson, Cameron Johnson, Lindsey Carley, Kendall Cole, Ashton Davis, Isaac Nelson, Chastity Slenker, Lindsey Smith, Bethany Wilson, Daniel Bannin, Aspen Lusk, Dakota Morris, Persphone Prentiss, Brian Robinson, Jesse Stokes, Devonta Tillis, Keyavone Gavin, Kristen Kelley, Jacob Murray and Kayla Parks.
THIRD GRADE: Taylor Cotton, Donnell Horstead, Catherine Irvon, Arica Baxter, Rebecca Baer, Jaron Walker, Lantana Tyson, Keith Rodgers, Sherry McNeal, Justin Mallory, Shelley Hutchinson, Ethan Carpenter, Danique Horstead, Ken Jones, DJ McKee, Janae Carley, Jonathan Farmer, Marshall George and Beth Long.

FOURTH GRADE: Jason Mitchell, Dylan McCollough, Ashley Bailey, Jamison Baker, Alexis Bush, Drew Ellis, Andrew Head, Cody Sasser, Meredith Brunson, Sherry Brunson, Chessie Cross, Michael Jackson, David Maddaloni, Bradley Wilson, Brian Cash.
FIFTH GRADE: Trey Martin, Ashley Carpenter, Don Rhoads, Austin Parrish, Justin Pike, Tindal Long and Megan Anderson.
SIXTH GRADE: Lauren McClintock, Kasha Cash, Chase Bourwell, Christina Bryant and Chaffin Johnson.
AB:
FIRST GRADE: Bailey Daughette, Jamie Griggs, Katie White, Isabel Carpenter, Arica Wilson, Shabrina Thomas, Tyler Anderson, Brooke Adcock, Devin Holloway, Sage Kelley, Tyomne Smith, Jala Bonham, Terry Veness, Bo Wiggins, Brianna Jackson, Brooke Weeks, Waylon Gratehead, Adora Goosby, Carrie Sann and Michael Baxter.
SECOND GRADE: Brunson Bowers, Dylan Garner, Amber Hudson, Tony Morris, Sean Warren, Jarren Flowers, Kendra Siler, Precilla Figueroa, Dylan Seay, Tyron Burks, Kaitlyn Calhoun, Billy Driggers, Corrie Driggers, Keira Hammonds, Paige Jones, Megan King, Ahmed Bilal, Salina Duncan, Jessica Orr, Chastity Robinson, Courtney Rugg, Amber Walker, Lahee Chambers, Joshua Higgins, Melanie Miller, Faith Powell.
THIRD GRADE: Sydney Brunson, Adam Henderson, Josh Hudson, Derrick Jackson, Ryan McCollough, Brian Blair, Eric Burt, Wesley Calhoun, Jennifer Barlow, Melanie Mullar, Clara Burrows, Ashley Key, Anna Petty, Haley Stinson, Antwon Tillis.

FOURTH GRADE: Ethen David, Richreane Singletary, Shelby Adcock, Trey Blecher, Kim Blue, Britany Davis, Martin Levens, Laquita Reed, Gavin Respass, Seth Coleman, Kelly Corder, Amanda Goldings, Kelly Miller, Megan Sullivan and Massie Thomas.
FIFTH GRADE: Matthew Brunson, Martin McCormick, Kiwana Cole, Graham Morrow, Kari Cooks, Britany Phillips, Matthew Gibson, Cordell Hooks and Bobby Hudson.
SIXTH GRADE: Sydney Brunson, Adam Henderson, Josh Hudson, Derrick Jackson, Ryan McCollough, Brian Blair, Eric Burt, Wesley Calhoun, Jennifer Barlow, Melanie Mullar, Clara Burrows, Ashley Key, Anna Petty, Haley Stinson, Antwon Tillis.

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Obituaries

LEWIE TOM SEXTON
Mr. Lewie Tom Sexton, age 79, of 1259 Ann Street, Elba, Ala., died June 2, 2001.

Mr. Sexton was a veteran of WWII having served in both Europe and the Pacific theatres. He also was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired as a Brown Male 1st Class from the U.S. Navy after 20 years serving and moved to Elba in 1974 where he was employed by the City of Elba Water and Electric Department for 13 years.

Funeral services were held June 5, 2001 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Sexton was preceded in death by one son, Sherry Sexton.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Lucille Sexton, Elba, two sons, Rusty and Sexton, Montgomery, John Sexton, Prattville, three daughters, Johnnie Pernis, Glenwood, Mozelle Parker, and Joyce Lewis, both of Elba; Sue Stone, New Brockton; Sandra Smith, Orange Park, Fla.; one sister, Virginia Parrish, Arroyo, California; and 12 great grandchildren.

LILIAN PYNES FAMILY
We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the death of our loved one, LILIAN PYNES. The staff calls, food, flowers and prayers were very much appreciated in our time of need.

THE LILIAN PYNES FAMILY
Mr. Brunson was a retired general manager of the Metropolitan Nashville Young Men's Christian Association and served the YMCA movement for 45 years. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy, a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and American Legion Post 45.

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LEWIE TOM SEXTON
Mr. Lewie Tom Sexton, age 79, of 1259 Ann Street, Elba, Ala., died June 2, 2001.

Mr. Sexton was a veteran of WWII having served in both Europe and the Pacific theatres. He also was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He retired as a Brown Male 1st Class from the U.S. Navy after 20 years serving and moved to Elba in 1974 where he was employed by the City of Elba Water and Electric Department for 13 years.

Funeral services were held June 5, 2001 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Sexton was preceded in death by one son, Sherry Sexton.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Lucille Sexton, Elba, two sons, Rusty and Sexton, Montgomery, John Sexton, Prattville, three daughters, Johnnie Pernis, Glenwood, Mozelle Parker, and Joyce Lewis, both of Elba; Sue Stone, New Brockton; Sandra Smith, Orange Park, Fla.; one sister, Virginia Parrish, Arroyo, California; and 12 great grandchildren.

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We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the death of our loved one, LILIAN PYNES. The staff calls, food, flowers and prayers were very much appreciated in our time of need.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Vacation Bible School to be held at Basin Baptist Church June 10-14

Basin Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189 South, Elba, will hold Vacation Bible School June 10-14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's Vacation Bible School, "Truth Trackers," is open to children age 4 through 6th grade. Transportation will be provided for those who request it by calling 897-3828. Everyone is invited.

Summer Church Music Workshop planned at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's new special interest workshop, the Summer Church Music Workshop, brings choral techniques and literature explored by this year's choral specialist, Karen Nicolosi, to anyone who loves to sing in the choir or direct a choir. Ms. Nicolosi is the director of the Alabama Boy Choir, Girl Choir, and Children's Chorus, and is nationally known as an expert in choral techniques for both adult and children's choirs. In the morning she will work with children's choir directors on rehearsal and vocal/choral techniques. She will spend the afternoon working with a choir of children to demonstrate children's choir methods. For

planners who are suddenly faced with having to play the organ, as well as seasoned organists, ESJC music instructor Dr. Jean Bynum will offer sessions on selected French organ literature, new organ music for the church service, and other useful topics. Mr. Greg Wilson, voice teacher at ESJC, will conduct choral reading sessions for adult singers that will cover some old favorites in traditional choral literature as well as some new choral works. Adult registration is \$35.00, which includes a catered lunch and the workshop runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration deadline is June 18. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006



Scripture: Jeremiah 14:1-10

"Thinking of you, Praying for you: The Burnett, Anthony, Brundidge, May, Harris and Hunter families, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. E. Magwood, Vick E. Lindsey, Catherine Edwards, Henry Waters, Jessica Pearson, Colby Belcher, Lovie Hooks, Dona D. Belcher, Lela Tyson, Betty Shipman, Reginald and Percella Sapers, Lorie Frank Cook and family, Ella Mae Brooks."

"Birthdays: Kimberly Kelley, Russell, June 5."

"Outreach Meeting: The Matron's Department of the Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, will hold their Outreach meeting in the Masonic Building next door to Rayfield Reynold's Cabinet shop, Martin Luther King Dr., on June 9 from 1-3 p.m."

"The Annual Fellowship Day, O.E.S. Equity Chapter 235, will be held June 2 at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba. The guest speaker was Sis. Maggie Bryant, Buna

happy occasion were: Myron Duncan, Maria, Lydia, Tiffany, Brandon and Brandy, Tyrone Kelley, Winston Jr. and Margo, Anthony, Kelley, Tonya Smith, Wesley Kelley, Meka and Alyssa, Minister Ronnie Russell and Kimberly, Curtis Kelley, Jana and Lissa, Alan Belcher, Meko Daniels, D.J. Belcher and Kendalyn, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Dee Nard, Ree Nita, Mike Manning, Evelyn Mason and Jason, Rev. Joyce B. Johnson and Kathy, Minister Robert Edwards, Rev. Roderick Redau, Kimberly Redau and Virginia Rogers (all of Elba and Enterprise). Dorothy Deperavette, Juliette Robinson-Peterson and Johnnie Seymour, June 9 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There are lots of activities planned for the day. All are invited to attend."

"If you worshiped with us last June, you experienced a spirit-filled day of praise, prayer, testimony and music. The spirit of our Heavenly Father was felt throughout the day. Celebrate the Spirit, a non-denominational Christian service. There will be no admission charge. A hospitality table and a concession stand will be available to purchase sandwiches, soft drinks, candy and other items. Tables will be set up for the

Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Dee Nard, Ree Nita and other family members of Enterprise were guests in the home of Robert and Mary Ray in San Antonio, Texas, during the past weekend."

"Annual Matron's and Missionary Day to be held at the Bethlehem MB Church, Elba (Brooksville Community), June 10 at 2:30 p.m. The sermon will be given by Rev. Lawrence Gifford, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church of Clon, Ala. Today is a good day, be grateful."

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Mount Olive Baptist Church VBS 'Day Camp' set for Saturday, June 9

Mount Olive Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School Day Camp on Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There are lots of activities planned for the day. All are invited to attend."

Worship service is at

Homecoming Services planned at Friendship Baptist Church

Friendship Baptist Church of the Holley Store Community will hold its annual Homecoming Services on Sunday, June 10. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., and the pastor Rev.

"Celebrate the Spirit" Women's Rally to be held June 9th

The second annual Celebrate the Spirit - Women's Rally will be held June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Opp High School, Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Mary Glynn Peoples, author of the book, "All We Like Sheep." A native of Andalusia, Mary Glynn conducts family enrichment and successful stress management conferences both in the U.S. and abroad.

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Gospel Sing to be held at The Heart of Dixie Music Park

The Heart of Dixie Music Park will be the site of a gospel singing on Friday, June 8, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, June 9, at 1 p.m. Friday's entertainment will include Dennis Family, Jack Assembly of God Youth Choir, Detrick, Snellgrove, Diane Hudson, Greta Faye and Harmony Creek and Jimmy Williams and the Lamberts.

Saturday's entertainment will include Jimmy Williams and the Lamberts, Masters, Call, Steady Standers, Good News Quartet, Detrick Snellgrove and Greta Faye and Harmony Creek.

Kirkland-Brackin Reunion set for Sunday, June 10

The 78th annual Kirkland-Brackin Reunion is set for Sunday, June 10th 2001. It will be held at Concord Baptist Church Headland, AL.

Worship service is at

11:00 a.m. Dinner on the grounds at 12:00 p.m. and the reunion service is set at 1:00 p.m.

LIFESTYLES



From left to right: Kelly McLain, mother of the bride-elect, Kelly McLain, honoree, and Paula McCollough, mother of the future groom.

Miss Kelly McLain honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

The community room at the Elba Public Library was the setting for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Kelly McLain, bride-elect of Lance McCollough, on Sunday afternoon, June 3.

Many guests, registered between the hours of two and half past three o'clock.

The front door of the library was marked with wedding bells tied with white ribbons and accented with spring flowers.

Miss Danley & Mr. Bryan to be united in marriage June 23

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryan of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Danley of Jack announce the forthcoming wedding of their son and daughter, Michael Brandon Bryan and Heather Nicole Danley.

The wedding will be June 23, 2001 at Victoria Baptist Church in Victoria with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. All family and friends are invited.



Harper Blount

Harper Blount is two years old

Harper Blount, daughter of Stephen and Tiffany Harper Blount, was 2-years-old on May 18. She celebrated her second birthday with family and friends at the Play House in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Bear and The Big Blue House party theme was utilized for the birthday cake, table clothes, napkins and party favors. Refreshments included pizza, cake, ice cream and punch.

Grandparents in Elba are Gloria and John Harper.



THE DAMASCUS SENIOR CITIZENS are shown holding the banner in which they won first place at the "Home Spin Country Hoe Down" Gala Parade and Banner Contest in Andalusia on May 17. The event is an annual sponsor by the Andalusia Parks and Recreation Department and the Adult Senior Activity Center in Andalusia. The seniors enjoyed a day-long trip of fun, entertainment, food, dancing and many other nice things. Most of all, it was just a day of good fellowship and fun meeting with the other seniors from different parts of the state and Florida.

New Arrival

KAYLEE HOPE NOLIN

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Isaiah Kyles celebrates second birthday Saturday, June 2

Isaiah Kyles, son of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Kyles of Elba, celebrated his second birthday on Saturday, June 2. Isaiah is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Willie Peterson of Elba, Rev. and Mrs. John Earl Kyles of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pearson of Elba. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Brooks, all of Elba and Mrs. Ollie Lee Brown of New York. His special mee-ma is Mrs. Janice Hodge.

Isaiah received many gifts and much love on his special day.

Grandparents are Mrs. Doris Nolin and the late James E. Nolin of Elba; and Mary and Donald Davis of the Victoria Community. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Ruby Johnson of Jack and Mrs. Fannie Hatcock of Gadsden, Ala.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jonas Simmons named a U.S. National Award Winner



Jonas Simmons

D'Undray Peterson receives honors at UWA

D'Undray Peterson of Elba was among those recognized for achievement during Honors Day activities at The University of West Alabama. Peterson was elected "Mr. UWA" by his fellow students and was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. ODK recognizes students who exhibit outstanding academic achievement, proven leadership ability and exceptional character. Peterson is the son of Willie and Ollie Peterson of Elba.

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James Simmons

James Simmons named All-American Scholar recently

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that James Simmons from Jack has been named an All-American Scholar and an United States National Award Winner in Honor Roll.

James, who attends Zion Chapel High School, was nominated for this national award by Cara Knight, a counselor at the school. James will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook and the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

In other recognition, James received a certificate on Awards Day at Zion Chapel High School for the highest score on the ACT in tenth grade. His score was 24.

James is the son of Ed and Audrey Simmons from Jack. His grandparents are Mrs. Raif Griswald of Brundidge and Mrs. Warren Simmons of Elba.



TINY MISS 2nd runner up is Kayla Parks. Tiny Miss 1st runner up is Branne Jackson. Tiny Miss Band Day 2001 is Meaghan Cannon.



LITTLE MISS 1st runner up is Megan Anderson. Little Miss Band Day 2001 is Lindsey McClung.

Rachel Grimes to attend Girl's State June 10-15

Rachel Grimes has been chosen to represent Kinston High School at the 2001 session of Alabama Girls State held on the campus of Troy State University in Troy, June 10-15.

For one week, she will become a citizen of an imaginary state, taking part in the political life of her community, primarily through campaigning for and electing city, county and state offices. She will learn the operation of government by participating in party caucuses and through the election process.

Rachel plans to campaign for the office of Lieutenant Governor. She will speak to her sponsoring organization, Kinston PTO, and to other organizations upon invitation about her experiences at the American Legion Auxiliary, Alabama Girls State.

The daughter of Randy and Johanna Grimes, and granddaughter of Bill and Martha Grimes, Rachel was selected to attend Alabama Girls State because of her outstanding participation in the Student Government Association, Athletic Club, Beta Club, Science Club, Speech Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Organization. She is also very involved in many church and community functions.



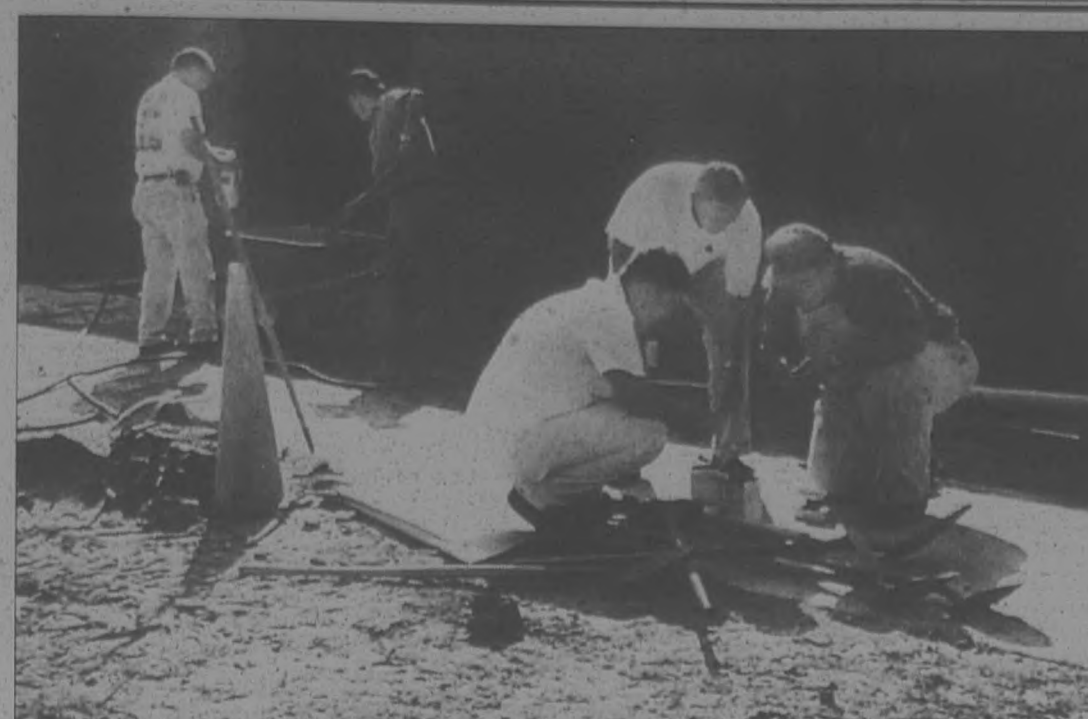
4-H BICYCLE RODEO - Most children enjoy riding bicycles. The participants in this event were: (front, left to right) Paul Holton, New Brockton; Brittany Eubanks, New Brockton; Brian Holton, New Brockton; Zeb Danley, New Brockton; (back) Clay Lewis, Zion Chapel; Rachel Hanna, Enterprise; Renee Hanna, Enterprise; Brandon Lee, New Brockton; Brandy Danley, New Brockton; Rob Sanders, Kinston; Kristine Fitzgerald, New Brockton.

AL Treasure Forest Association & AL Wildlife Federation to hold seminar

The Geneva County and Coffee County Chapters of the Alabama Treasure Forest Association and the Alabama Wildlife Federation are joining efforts in presenting an informative and educational seminar on wildlife management. A wide range of topics will be presented by qualified wildlife management specialist and foresters.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2001, with registration at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30, in the new special events room at Big Jack's Restaurant, Highway 27, Chancellors, Alabama. Reservations are requested no later than Monday, June 11th. Call 1-800-341-1626 for reservations or email to sfc@entercomp.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Left: This picture depicts the overall look of the construction site on the vocational side of the building.

Right: Coaches Wynn Grimes and Frank Phillips are shown pushing their brooms in the locker rooms.

Below: The coaches also got an opportunity to pull some weeds around the entrance of Tiger Stadium.

These are only a few examples of the 10, 11 and 12 month faculty with the Elba School System doing whatever it takes to keep the school in good working condition while saving a little money.



Governor provides funds for summer study program

Gov. Don Siegelman has provided funds to help students in Coffee County and throughout Alabama prepare for future success through a summer program of education and employment.

Siegelman approved the release of Workforce Investment Act funds to the State Department of Education to support summer school study, work experience and other educational opportunities for low-income students who failed one or more portions of the graduation exam this spring.

In Coffee County, up to 41 students are expected to participate in programs offered through the Coffee County school system and the city school system in Elba.

"Passing Alabama's new, tougher high school graduation exam is an accomplishment that sets the stage for a successful future," Siegelman said. "I am pleased to support this effort to help these young citizens gain the skills and knowledge that will help them to be capable adults who succeed in the workplace and in life."

Qualifying students in Alabama will participate in one of four learning opportunities, primarily traditional summer school programs. In addition to the regular summer school programs, funding will be available for summer school/summer work experience programs, adult education programs or for special tutorials, instruction. Students interested in participating in the program should contact their local school system.

Siegelman provided \$5.4 million for the project from funds made available to the governor's office through the U.S. Department of Labor. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.



ELBA PTO MAKES DONATION TO DARE...Officers of the Elba Elementary School PTO are shown making a recent presentation to DARE officer Dean Blair. The \$500 donation to the DARE program at Elba Elementary School was used to help fund the program's graduation ceremony which was held May 4. Those present for the check presentation were: (from left) Renee Bradshaw, Tab Weeks, Bradley Weeks, Officer Dean Blair and Sabrina Kelley.

Alabama Eye Bank remains in top 10 around the world

The Alabama Eye Bank recently posted its 17th straight year as one of the top 10 eye banks in the world.

According to Joe Beckham, director of marketing at the Birmingham-based organization, the Eye Bank has consistently been one of the largest providers of surgical ocular tissues for cornea transplant use worldwide.

"We are pleased to have distinguished ourselves in this manner because it simply means that people who once lived in darkness can now see," Beckham said.

Doyce Williams, director, said that during the year 2000 the Eye Bank distributed internationally 630 corneas for transplant. The total procurement for the year 2000 was more than 2,600 donor eyes.

Williams said corneal transplants are the most commonly conducted transplant surgery and are routinely performed, although the procedure requires a high degree of technical knowledge, which is one reason for the Alabama Eye Bank's success.

Overseen by Dr. Firmon Hardenbergh, a Harvard-trained ophthalmologist with 42 years' experience, the Eye Bank's department of technical services staff has more than 50 years experience in eye banking.

All tissue the Eye Bank distributes for transplant must be cleared under the current guidelines of the Eye Bank Association of America and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA).

"Contrary to popular opinion, you don't have to be young to be an eye donor. Donors are accepted until they're 80 years old.

To pledge, simply indicate your preference on your driver's license or call the Alabama Eye Bank in Birmingham at (800) 428-7811. Birmingham area residents dial 205-942-2120.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS

is accepting public bids on three (3) buses and two (2) vans. Anyone wishing to bid on said items should submit their bid to Elba City Schools, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323. Attention: Bus Bids. We will be accepting bids until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at which time all bids will be opened and highest bidder will be announced. Listed below are descriptions of each bus.

- 1980 Ford Thomas Bus, 148,535 miles, capacity - 66, VIN # none
- 1985 Ford Ward Bus, 113,268 miles, capacity - 66, VIN # 11446
- 1985 Ford Ward Bus, 114,993 miles, capacity-66, VIN # 11447
- 1974 Dodge Van, 20,769 miles, capacity-10, VIN # B33BE1U37245
- 1981 Chevrolet Van, 18,737 miles, capacity-15, VIN # 1G8EG2SL187130275

Buses and vans may be seen at Elba City Schools Transportation/Maintenance Department, 200 Tiger Drive. Call or contact Wesley DeVane at 897-5142.

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Troy King speaks to Republican Women of Coffee County

Troy King, candidate for Secretary of State in 2002, spoke to the Republican Women of Coffee County at their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, May 16. Troy spoke to the RWCC about the need for honest, responsible leadership in our state. He explained that Alabama has come a long way. Our welfare reform reduced welfare rolls by 40 percent, test scores in Alabama schools are up. Although to a study done by "Governing" Magazine, Alabama rates last in the nation, when it comes to effectively running it's government. Troy King's hometown is Elba, Alabama, and currently works for Attorney General Bill Pryor. Troy has a great interest in south Alabama, and wants to make Alabama a better place to work and live.



Pictured from left to right: Chairwoman Carter, Jackie Phillips, Joan Ayer, Sue Cobb, Virginia Howard, Troy King, Robin Blake and Beth Agee.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS looked an awful lot good to those present at the Elba Senior Citizens Center on a recent Friday morning when State Senator Jimmie Holmes and Representative Terry Spier showed up to present the state funds to the center. Pictured from left are Senator Jimmie Holmes, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Senior Citizens Center manager Louise Hornsby accepting the check from Representative Terry Spier.

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Reynolds helps commemorate monument in New Brockton

Mayor James Grimes, Elba Mayor Charles B. Cole, New Brockton Mayor Rayfield Reynolds, and Mr. Rayfield Reynolds' community, Jennifer Reynolds, and Development Center, met recently in ceremony to present New Brockton in erecting a monument commemorating the history of the town or town in the nation to produce number one peanut butter. The year 1934.

Through the youth summer life program of the Reynolds Boys' and Girls Club Development Team, many youngsters in the "Maberry Heights" community learned about woodworking and the importance of the trade.

They helped build several pieces of wood furniture including tables, swings, chairs, etc. The youth program is one in which Reynolds has been producing for many years. Now all the kids in the community for many years to come.



From left, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Rayfield Reynolds and New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole.



This group of youngsters participated in the summer youth life program.

NOTICE:

Anyone interested in a Habitat for Humanity Home should contact Rev. John Baxter at the Elba United Methodist Church at 897-2219. The local Habitat for Humanity chapter has acquired the land to build a home in Elba.

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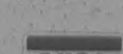
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Elba council moves ahead with street paving projects

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council took action Monday evening to move forward with the paving of several city streets. The proposed street paving is divided into two separate projects. One is a \$100,000 project to be funded by an Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) grant. The other is a larger project and will be funded with local gas tax funds.

The DOT project includes several downtown streets - Court from Collier to Putnam; Factory Street (from Collier to Putnam); Collier Street (to Claxton Street) and Simmons Street. Much of this work includes repairing numerous cracks in the existing streets and this will be accomplished after milling down the present asphalt.

The city will have to complete the work and then get the reimbursement from DOT, according to Elba Mayor James Grimes. This will mean borrowing the money and repaying it with the state funds when they arrive. The locally funded streets on the suggested list are: Cordelia Street, Hickman Avenue, Farris Avenue, Forrest Lake Drive and Gibson Street.

Mayor Grimes said during the council meeting that there are a number of other streets in town which need resurfacing, but the city will have to complete the work and then get the reimbursement from DOT, according to Elba Mayor James Grimes. This will mean borrowing the money and repaying it with the state funds when they arrive. The locally funded streets on the suggested list are: Cordelia Street, Hickman Avenue, Farris Avenue, Forrest Lake Drive and Gibson Street.

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U.S. Hwy. 84 hearing set for Thursday, June 14, at Elba

The Alabama Department of Transportation continues its progress towards the 4-laning of U.S. Hwy 84 Thursday evening, June 14 (TODAY), as another Design Public Hearing is scheduled at the Elba Elementary School cafeteria, 102 Tiger Drive, Elba.

The meeting will be held between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will focus on the 4-laning of U.S. 84 from County Road 364 in Coffee County to State Road 125 in Elba.

There will not be a formal presentation, therefore, interested citizens should attend at their convenience during the above stated time.

Citizens attending this meeting will be provided project information. (Included in the impact on adjacent properties) by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with Department of Transportation or Consultant personnel members.

Information regarding the Department of Transportation's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance procedures will be available at the hearing.

Since this will be an informal meeting, it may be the best time for citizens to express their comments concerning the project with Department of Transportation personnel or by filling out a comment card which will be provided.

The appropriate personnel also will be available for anyone wishing to make a formal comment. Again, public attendance is encouraged for this meeting.

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During Monday's meeting, Tindell told commission members that the low bid of \$73,676 from Ingram Equipment Company in Birmingham did not meet the specifications. Also, the next two low bids of \$74,968.60 and \$76,692.72, both submitted by Cuffman International of Dothan, failed to meet the required specifications. Tindell said each of these



BUMPY RIDE... This tractor-trailer found a path other than the road on Thursday morning, June 7, when the driver, Samuel Steven Taylor, age 59, of Great Falls, S.C., lost control and ran off the road on U.S. Highway 84 W when he lost control near the Elba City Limits. The vehicle came to a stop on the right side of the road, and the tractor hit a wooden fence. Taylor was driving the tractor-trailer for Smith Trucking of Elba, S.C., and was carrying a load of cotton at the time of the accident. Taylor was transported to Elba General Hospital by ambulance from the scene. EMS technicians that were believed to be only minor. The accident was investigated by the Elba Police Department, and the Elba Department also responded as a precautionary measure.

In county commission meeting Bids awarded for equipment and upgrades

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The majority of the meeting time consisted of opening and awarding bids Monday morning, June 11, during the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission in New Brockton.

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failed the fitting abilities in which the county was having trouble. The bid for the truck cab and chassis was awarded to Cuffman International of Dothan in the amount of \$77,475 was the lowest bid which met the required specifications, and he recommended that the council accept this bid. The only other bid came from Cuffman International in Dothan in the amount of \$78,767.60 and \$80,491.72.

A motion was made with a second to accept the bid from Cuffman International of Dothan. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Kay Lewis and Jim Thompson were not

present for Monday's meeting. The funds for the truck cab and chassis were awarded to Cuffman International of Dothan in the amount of \$77,475. The motion passed with all commissioners present voting in favor.

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Area Happenings

FARMER'S MARKET OPEN. The Coffee County Farmer's Market is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Farm Center in New Brockton from around 7-7:30 a.m. as growers arrive until 10:30 a.m. or until produce is sold out. Sellers will need a grower's permit and a Farmer's Market permit. Both are obtained at the Extension Office. This market is open for anyone, any age, in Coffee County and is for local grown fruit and vegetables and crafts.

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM. The 2001 Go Wild Read Summer Library Program is being conducted at the Elba Public Library on June 14, 21 and 28 and July 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. The Elba Public Library is a United Way Agency.

TROY KING KICKOFF RALLY BBO. The public is invited to attend the "Troy King for Secretary of State, Kick off Rally" Bar-B-Q, Saturday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. Ticket's are \$10 each. In Elba tickets may be purchased from Liz Murdock 897-5976, Norma Moore 897-2486, Medical Arts, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

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